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TAGS: ESTC, COCOM

SUBJECT: REPORTED SALE OF FRENCH CNC EQUIPPED MACHINE TOOLS  
TO USSR- IL-1091

1) COMMERCE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES THAT THE FRENCH FIRM OF GUILLEMIN, SERGOT ET PEGARD (GSP) REPORTEDLY SOLD 23 OF ITS MODEL 3-B MACHINING CENTERS EQUIPPED WITH NORWEGIAN KONGSBERG 5-AXIS COMPUTERIZED NUMERICAL CONTROLS (CNC) TO STANKOIMPORT (USSR). THESE 23 MACHINES, SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY AT THE END OF 1975, REPORTEDLY ARE THE FIRST INCREMENT OF A TOTAL OF 90 SUCH MACHINES TO BE DELIVERED TO THE USSR BY GSP BEFORE 1979. ACCORDING TO COMMERCE'S SOURCE, INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE SALE OF 23 KONGSBERG CONTROL UNITS TO GSP WAS PUBLISHED IN KONGSBERG MONTHLY NEWS LETTER.

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2) FIVE AXIS CNC, AS WELL AS DIRECT NUMERICAL CONTROL

(DNC) CONTROL UNITS ARE EMBARGOED UNDER IL-1091 AND, IN US OPINION, THE SALE BY GSP OF MACHINE TOOLS EQUIPPED WITH SUCH CONTROL UNITS REQUIRES COCOM CONCURRENCE. IN THE US VIEW FAILURE BY FRANCE, AS THE EXPORTING COUNTRY, TO OBTAIN COCOM CONCURRENCE FOR THE TRANSACTION DESCRIBED IN PARA 1, FOR THE FIRST 23 AS WELL AS FOLLOW ON INCREMENTS FOR THE TOTAL 90, WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF COCOM OBLIGATIONS.

3) ACTION REQUESTED:

(A) FOR OECD, PARIS: USDEL, AT HIS DISCRETION, SHOULD EITHER (1) INFORMALLY DISCUSS REPORTED TRANSACTION ON BILATERAL BASIS WITH FRENCH COUNTERPART, NOTING US VIEW THAT SUCH A TRANSACTION REQUIRES COCOM SUBMISSION, OR (2) RAISE MATTER THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS WITH APPROPRIATE FRENCH AUTHORITIES. IN VIEW GERMAN INTEREST THIS SUBJECT, USDEL MAY ALSO INFORM GERDEL.

(B) FOR EMBASSY OSLO: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION RE REPORTED KONGSBERG-GSP TRANSACTION WHICH THE EMBASSY IS ABLE TO DEVELOP. KISSINGER

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